COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS State Building Code (780 CMR) Appeals Board Board's Ruling on Appeal¹

Docket No. 08-617

Appellant(s): Kevin Hastings

vz. Appellee(s):

City/Town of Boston

Luis Santana

Procedural History

This matter came before the State Building Code Appeals Board ("Board") on the Appellant's appeal filed pursuant to 780 CMR 122.1. In accordance with 780 CMR 122.3, the Appellant requested that the Board grant him a variance from 780 CMR 713.3 Exception 2, for 1300 Centre Street, Boston, MA. In accordance with GL c. 30A, §§10 & 11; GL c. 143, §100; 801 CMR 1.02 et. seq.; and 780 CMR 122.3.4, the Board convened a public hearing on August 26, 2008 where all interested parties were provided with an opportunity to testify and present evidence to the Board.

The Appellant appeared for the hearing pro se. Others were present as indicated on the sign-in sheet which is on file at the Department of Public Safety.

Discussion

A motion was made to grant the Appellant's request for a variance from 780 CMR 713.3 Exception 2, for a three-story open stairway because the 7th edition of 780 CMR has allowance for this and because there exists smoke detection and sprinklers throughout the building. There was a second on the motion and a board vote was taken, which was unanimous.

Conclusion

The Appellant's request for a variance from 780 CMR 713.3 Exception 2, is hereby granted and so ordered² on this date: August 26, 2008.

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30 days after the date of this decision.

¹ This is a concise version of the Board's decision. You may request a full written decision within 30 days of the date of this decision. Requests must be in writing and addressed to: Department of Public Safety, State Building Code Appeals Board, Program Coordinator, One Ashburton Place, Room 1301, Boston, MA 02108

²In accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, §14, any person aggrieved by this decision may appeal to the Superior Court within